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**Office Action Summary**

Application No.

10/725,748

Applicant(s)

UGENT ET AL.

Examiner

RAMON O. RAMIREZ

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1)  Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 December 2004.
- 2a)  This action is FINAL.                      2b)  This action is non-final.
- 3)  Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4)  Claim(s) 2-20 and 22-32 is/are pending in the application.  
4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5)  Claim(s) 2-20 and 25-32 is/are allowed.
- 6)  Claim(s) 22-24 is/are rejected.
- 7)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8)  Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9)  The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10)  The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a)  accepted or b)  objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11)  The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12)  Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a)  All    b)  Some \*    c)  None of:
1.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2.  Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3.  Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1)  Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2)  Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3)  Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 4)  Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5)  Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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*Detailed Action*

This is the second Office Action corresponding to amendment filed Dec 20, 2004. The application contains 30 claims. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

*Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bennett et al. (Pat No 5,421,548) in view of Metz et al. (Pat No 6,585,206).

The patent to Bennett et al. discloses an IV stand comprising a base (6) with at least three wheels (14), a pole (2), an IV holder (24) on top of the post, a handle (29) and a fitting couple.

The patent to Metz et al. discloses an IV assembly, comprising a fitting (36) having an aperture (26).

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to have provided the device shown by Bennett et al. with a fitting as the shown by Mertz et al. which more simple and easy to use than the one shown by Bennett et al.

Claims 23 and 24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bennett et al. (Pat No 5,421,548) in view of David (Pat No 5,188,323).

The patent to David discloses an IV assembly, comprising a height adjustable hanger. It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to

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have provided the device shown by Bennett et al. with an adjustable hanger as shown by David to support at a desired height another item.

*Allowable Subject Matter*

Claims 2-20, and 25-32 are allowed.

*Response to Arguments*

Applicant's arguments regarding claims 22-24 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

*Conclusion*

**THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to RAMON O. RAMIREZ whose telephone number is (703) 308-0748 (after April 2005, the phone may be (571) 272-6821). The examiner can normally be reached on MONDAY-FRIDAY, IST FRIDAY OFF.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, LESLIE BRAUN can be reached on (703) 308-2156 (after April 2005, the phone may be (571) 272-6815).

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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